

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 29, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Authority Members Present:

Marc Decker
Clay Browning (Chair) (Absent)
Alisha Beck
Bradley Smith
RaShonda Croskey
Jerry (Gator) Sapp
Tim Stanley
Hattie Taylor
Jeff Patterson (Vice Chair)
Jeff Barnes

Others Present:

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Ryan Carroll, Operator

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL: Given by Patterson.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Smith and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Beck.

ITEM 3: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

MAY 26, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: By Decker to approve May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Croskey motion carried.

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Patterson states we need to delete Item #9 from the agenda.

MOTION: By Sapp to remove Item #9 from the agenda, seconded by Barnes motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CRAIG A. SMITH INVOICE #3907 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.00 PROJECT 08-24-045 GLADES CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER NORTHEAST:

Tibbs states this is one of the last invoices for this project. It is for the engineering services.

MOTION: By Decker to approve Invoice #3907 in the amount of \$ 700.00 Project 08-24-045 Glades Caloosahatchee River Northeast, seconded by Beck motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CRAIG A. SMITH INVOICE #3832 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,568.80 FDEP QG028 GLADES COUNTY- BOWDEN ESTATES SEPTIC:

MOTION: By Croskey to approve Craig A. Smith invoice #3832 in the amount of \$6,568.80 FDEP Qg028 Glades County- Bowden Estates Septic, seconded by Barnes motion carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CRAIG A. SMITH INVOICE #CAS-INV-3674 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,800.00 GLADES COUNTY EAST SEWER US 27 CORRIDOR INFRASTRUCTURE:

Tibbs states this is for the work on US 27, it is for coordination and management for determining the spar pumps and trailer mounting.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve Craig A. Smith invoice #CAS-INV-3674 in the amount \$14,800.00 Glades County East Sewer US 27 Corridor Infrastructure, seconded by Smith motion carried.

ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PURCHASE OF MOUNTED PORTABLE PUMP FOR THE DANIELS ROAD LIFT STATION:

Tibbs states at the May 26th meeting it was discussed to go ahead and take the Thompson Pumps quote which was about \$60k. Smith Craig Smith did go back to them to add additional equipment and options to it which brings the amount to \$84,974.00.

MOTION: By Taylor to approve the purchase of the mounted portable pump for the Daniels Rd Lift Station, seconded by Barnes motion carried.

ITEM 9: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE WWTP EXPANSION ALTERNATIVES:

Patterson states I just want to give clarification on why we deleted Item #9 from the agenda. When everything produced the grant agreement we came up with 5 or 6 different types of Plant expansions, then looking back into the agreement it states it can only be an NBR plan.

Ramunni states we may need to modify the Grant to allow the flexibility to do that.

Carlisle states if we are going to look at other processes we need to let DEP know or let them give us an amendment so we can look at other processes.

Ramunni states are we asking for presentations or some sort of design build. I am not sure which format we will utilize once we amend, because every potential company should be given the same opportunity.

Carlisle states we need to follow Statues 287 and the CCPWA purchasing policy. I think we should ask them to look at other methods to make sure we are getting the best facility and use of our budget.

MOTION: By Decker to have Vanassche to ask DEP to amend the Grant to allow other alternatives for the WWTP expansion, seconded by Stanley motion carried.

ITEM 10: PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT TO GIVE REPORT:

Simmons states the Plant is running fine, but we are waiting on a pump to come back from PSI. **Carroll** states we are in full compliance as of right now, our only issue is waiting on pumps.

Simmons states I think the permeator pump should be back this week.

ITEM 11: CRAIG A. SMITH TO GIVE REPORT:

Craig A. Smith states we are wrapping up Phase 6, the only remaining task on that project is the sodding which will be done within the next 2 weeks. On Bowden Estates we are in the process of wrapping up the survey work and as soon as we get that done, we can then work on the design.

ITEM 12: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO GIVE REPORT:

Vanassche states the Governor signed the Budget today. He did have a Hevey veto list, there was a \$1.6 billion and an \$800 million in special projects. With the vetoes the Budget is now \$117.6 billion dollars. We are working on all the quarterly reports for FDEP grants. The Rual Infrastructure Grant Program is open right now; they are closing it July 13th.

ITEM 13: CITY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

Tibbs starts as Vanassche mention the money we received for the Sea Wall is not the full allocation we requested. We will try through the R.I.F to get additional funding for that project. We will also push back the automated meters back through that process as well.

ITEM 14: COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

None.

ITEM 15: STEVE RAMUNNI TO GIVE REPORT:

None.

ITEM 16: CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Citizen states last time we were here our Plant had just been approved from DEP. I did have a chance to talk to Ed Smith who is over the Innovation Grants for different projects. I sent him all our information, and they are interested in giving money from his Grant to Glades County and Spring Lake.

Patterson states Vanassche what do you think is the timeline for us to hear back from DEP for possibly modification.

Vanassche states 3 to 4 weeks.

ITEM 17: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS SUBMITTED LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$257,670.77:

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the bills submitted list in the amount of \$257,670.77, seconded by Beck motion carried.

ITEM 18: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Croskey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Smith motion carried.

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:28 P.M.

Jeff Patterson, Vice Chairman